2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 7 8 9 DAVID BRESSELSMITH. Case No. 3:16-cv-00512-MMD-WGC Plaintiff. 10 ORDER ٧. 11 TRICE. 12 Defendant. 13 In September 2017, the parties reached a settlement during mediation that 14 resulted in the Court granting the stipulation for dismissal of this case with prejudice. (ECF 15 Nos. 8, 12.) Since then, Plaintiff has filed two motions to reopen the case. (ECF Nos. 13, 16 16.) Defendant responded to the first motion. (ECF No. 15.) Plaintiff contends that 17 Defendant has harassed and retaliated against Plaintiff for filing this action. (ECF No. 16 18 at 1.) Based on such alleged retaliation, Plaintiff asks the Court to set aside the settlement 19 and allow him to resume the litigation. (Id. at 2.) However, these allegations do not 20 challenge the validity of the settlement agreement that led to the dismissal of the lawsuit.<sup>1</sup> 21 22 Accordingly, the Court will deny Plaintiff's request to set aside the settlement and reopen the case. 23 It is therefore ordered that Plaintiff's motions to reopen case (ECF Nos. 13, 16) are 24 denied. 25 26

<sup>1</sup>To the extent Plaintiff contends that Defendant has engaged in retaliation for Plaintiff's filing of this lawsuit, Plaintiff's recourse is to pursue a claim for First Amendment retaliation after he exhausted his administrative remedies. The Court, however, cannot consider the merits of such a claim in this case.

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It is further ordered that Defendant's motion for extension of time (ECF No. 14) is granted nunc pro tunc.

DATED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

MIRANDA M. DU UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE